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Docket No. 355742104100

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Kirti DAVE, et al.

Serial No.: 09/505,898

Filing Date: February 17, 2000

RAPID ASSAY FOR ARTHROPOD-

BORNE DISEASE VECTORS AND

PATHOGENS

Examiner: Not yet assigned

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

For:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 27, 2000. This extension will extend the time the response is due to November 27, 2000.

A five-month extension is requested; the extension fee of \$945.00 is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 355742104100. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 22, 2000

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